(b) A sum of Rs. 10,85,400/- was allotted in 1984-85.

(c) There are eight centres of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Betelvine Diseases which are located in the Agricultural Universities at Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Jabalpur, Rahuri, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Jorhat and Kalyani. In addition, there is a Coordinating Unit located at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research Bangalore. Research work on betel leaf is also in progress at the National Botanical Research Institute of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in Lucknow.

Import of edible oil

1290. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) the quantity of edible oil which has been, imported during the year 1984-85 and so far during the current year; and

<b) what has been the imported cost of this oil per tonne and what has been the selling price to vanas-pati industry per tonne during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) During the financial year 1984-85, a quantity of 15.85 lakh tonnes of edible oils was imported at an approximate average CIF price of Rs. 8,262 per metric tonne. For the period April, 1985 to October 1985, these figures are 7.80 lakh tonnes and Rs. 8,288 per metric tonne, respectively. The issue price of these oils to vanaspati industry from 24.5.84 to 14.11.85 was Rs. 9,500 per metric tonne and from 15.11.85, it is Rs. 11,500 per metric tonne.

Production of Children Films

1291. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the inauguration of the fourth International Children's Film Festival, organised by the Children's Film Society of India, at Bangalore on the 15th November, 1985 the Prime Minister ovserved that the quality of children's films produced in the country was not good;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to produce high quality and patriotic films for the children; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to produce such films in regional languages also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government cannot do much for improving the quality of Children films produced in the private sector. However, to encourage production of high quality childrens • films, the Government gives an award for the best Children's films every year in the National Film Festival. There is also a registered society receiving grant-in-aid from the Government, namely the Children's Film Society, which is responsible for production of Childrens films. It has been its constant endeavour to produce high quality films. Some of the measures that it has taken/proposed to